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ABSTRACT

This book shares the lessons learned by educators as they developed the League of Schools, a democratic, schoolwide collaboration that focuses on instructional and curricular renewal. This process depends on three steps: a covenant of teaching and learning, shared governance, and action research. Chapter 1 explains the League's framework and provides a general overview of the issues. Chapters 2-4 offer suggestions for implementing each of the three sides of the framework. These chapters include case studies, general advice, step-by-step actions to take, and forms to be used. Each chapter also includes a self-monitoring guide to assist schools in charting their progress. The various guides identify traits that indicate high implementation for each part of the framework and trace the progression a school passes through before fully implementing the relevant aspects of the framework. Chapter 5 deals with issues that cut across implementation of the three sides of the framework, including change, finding time for teachers to work outside their classrooms, team building, securing outside facilitation, and building internal capacity. The book concludes with a summary of recent research into the issues of schoolwide change. (Contains a list of 74 titles for recommended readings and references.) (RJM)

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